

The French Minister of Foreign Affairs has, says the *Saigon Press*, decided that France shall shortly be represented in Corea by a Consular agent, who will be selected from the officials now in the Far East.

We learn from the *Saigon Press* that the question of the exchange of prisoners having been arranged between M. Patenotre and the Viceroy Li, all the Chinese captured on board the *Ping-on*, and who had been sent to Saigon to be imprisoned at the Condore, have been sent by one of the Messageries Maritimes steamers to the Pescadore, where they will be handed over to a mandarin and an agent of the Maritime Customs.

Captain William Peletier Joy, master of the American ship *St. Nicholas*, died on board his vessel this forenoon, after a few hours' illness, from choleraic diarrhoea. Captain Joy was ashore yesterday afternoon, apparently in his usual health, and only became ill during the night. Dr. Gerlach was sent for about three o'clock this morning, and visited Captain Joy as soon afterwards as possible, and again about seven o'clock, but his efforts on behalf of the deceased Captain proved unavailing.

It seems that the question of nationality is likely soon to be raised regarding the cases of Xavier and J. M. Gudden. The proofs of nationality are generally supposed to be fairly simple, but they are not quite so clear as some appear to think. It is popularly believed that registration at a Consulate is sufficient. Authorities who ought to know assure us that this is not the case. Possibly the subject will now receive some healthy ventilation, which should prove interesting to our Portuguese followers.

A coolie who was engaged in excavating on a piece of land at West Point, behind the Gas Works, met with his death from the fall of a mass of earth or stone which he had undermined in the course of his work. It appears the man had been previously warned but continued to cut away the earth beneath a block of stone until the mass fell upon him, killing him upon the spot. An inquest was held upon the deceased at 12.30 p.m., to-day at the Mortuary, when a verdict of accidental death was returned.

A sad tale of misplaced affection by a would-be Benedict was unfolded in the Police Court this morning. It appears that last month a daughter of a certain age, she frankly gave it as 39—went to a Mrs. Wong Chi, and asked her to use her good offices in obtaining a husband for her. Mrs. Wong Chi had a son, one Chin An, who was anxious to enter the blissful state, and so Mrs. Wong Chi made the fair Lai Ahai an offer of her son's hand and hand. The young lady said she wanted a cash settlement of \$40 before assuming the yoke. Her future mother-in-law offered \$30, and the offer was accepted. The terms were arranged on the 20th, and \$2.50 bargain money was paid down. On the 23rd the balance of the settlement money was paid, according to Mrs. Wong Chi, and on the 24th the nuptial knot was tied. Alas! for the fondness of the sex, on the 30th, the bride ran away from groom and mother-in-law, and the latter, bent upon some satisfaction, brought the false bride before Mr. Mackean this morning and charged her with obtaining the sum of \$36 by false pretences. The magistrate appeared to have no sympathy for the broken-hearted bridegroom or the fleeing mother, and dismissed the case.

The last and most delicious piece of gossip from Tientsin, says the *N.-C. D. News*, is that a present of samli has lately been made to the Empress by Messrs. Russell & Co., through Ma Kienchung, and that her Majesty was so delighted with it that she has been pleased to place all affairs connected with railways and such-like undertakings in the hands of that reliable and only friend. What a pity that nobody ever thought of doing this before.

Says the *N.-C. D. News*:—We mentioned the other day that the news from Li was worse, and that the hesitation there was causing great anxiety to the authorities. We have now received more detailed advice, from which it appears that the principal cause of the trouble was simply long arrears of pay, the soldiers having had nothing in the way of wages for a month past. At length the men decided to mutiny, and fired a day for the rising—the 15th of the 2nd movement, as before stated, they murdered their officers, destroyed a great part of the city, and laid violent hands on the stores of grain. The strange part of the affair is that the intention of the mutineers was by no means secret. A petty officer named Chang got wind of it on the 13th, and forthwith reported it to the Commandant, who immediately sent troops to carry off all the arms, powder, etc., in the city, and to shut the city gates, permitting ingress but no egress. This was all accomplished by noon; and this the mutineers who were outside—these, a majority—then saw that the blow must be struck at once if it was to be struck at all. At nine p.m., therefore, they rose, setting fire to some houses by way of signal, and the fighting commenced. These in that the Chinese were afraid to resist, they were too few and meanwhile the outside party besieged the walls and gates. This lasted the whole night, and at daybreak the Commandant sent soldiers to arrest the mutineers if they could get them. The two forces met, and the rebels were defeated and driven off towards the north-west, where they were joined by others, and again defeated by the soldiers from another direction. But they kept well together, and simply changed their positions. There are some three thousands of them at present, and their presence is a source of great anxiety to the people and officials in the neighbourhood.

According to the *Shen Pan*, Tai-yi's informs the Throne that Liu Jung-fuk feels dissatisfied at seeing the whole of Annam handed over to the French, and is very desirous of resigning.

He therefore makes he should be a strategic point in time or other he will assist to China in State; or, that he is a Frenchman with his own receiving this importance to the Cabinet Ministers, Ch'un to assist in decision has yet to be made.

THE RELIEF OF BY THE KWAN.

The following letter

My Dear Mr. Looch

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send up two steam launch

on Monday evening.

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last evening, so that if

ought to reach this about

The Viceroy has most

steam launches at our

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start. I shall be glad to

Plans have been some

I just saw you. Having

think of forming four

starting to-day (i.e. if Mr.

come to hand), for West

North Rivers, respectively,

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Yours &c.,

Signora Marchetti, the

calist who is now stopping,

Hongkong, has kindly

offered her services to the

Kwangtung Inundation

Free Press. This lady has

heard in Hongkong and

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at the *Free Press* ought to

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H. Gritton has, we understand,

promised to provide a large

number of lanterns of various

designs, together with the lanterns

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authorities. All that is wanted

is a huge success for the

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scriptions which appeared under the

names of the Japanese Consul and Mr. Pasha

of day were contributed by Mr. S. Mack

and Mr. J. M. Bass, respectively.

THE CHINESE CAMP AT

LUNGCHOW.

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Dr. Weynon, the Superintendent of the

Wesleyan Mission Hospital at Fatahan,

gentleman who has done good service

to many among the Chinese in tending

to their bodily ailments, had decided,

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